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## LET JUSTICE BE DONE.

There seems to be an unreasonable and unreasoning desire on the part of certain Chicago politicians and newspaper editors to pile up abuse and ignominy upon the Madden-Jameson-Kochersperger-Pease combination of Republican leaders for the collapse of the Medill boom.

What the object of these people is in thus assailing as clean and capable a body of machine politicians as ever ran the affairs of the Republican party in this county does not appear, but it is certain that the facts in the case do not bear them out, and the attack will not reach upon the heads of those who instigated it.

The Eagle believes in fair play to all men and honor and justice between political parties.

For that reason it thinks it is justified in saying a word in connection with what seems to be a damnable attempt to drive a stiletto into the backs of men so fearless and capable that they could not be fought from the front and in the open.

In this matter of the Medill boom the first proposition that all thinking men who have been observing the Senatorial fight admit is that it was the gentlemen who are now attacked as traitors to the great editor, who first picked up his name and inscribed it upon their hitherto victorious and invincible banners.

Fresh from a stupendous victory in Cook County, a victory which they organized and to the credit of which they were entitled, these men believe that with the added prestige of the honored name of Joseph Medill, Cook County could go out into the State of Illinois and make the field of their political success still broader and the harvest of Republican triumph in Cook still heavier by sending one of its most honored citizens to the United States Senate.

It was a worthy ambition. It was codded by Joseph Medill himself, but truth compels the statement that it was the codding process that killed it. The Medill boom was no added egg, as certain newspapers would have the world believe, but it died in the process of incubation, and Mr. Medill himself and not his Cook County managers is to be blamed that it was not hatched forth into full and healthy life. He refused to declare himself a candidate, while at the same time he studiously endeavored to give out the impression that he would like to get the office.

How can soldiers fight, however brave they may be, whose leader will not say whether he is at their head or not?

How can an army fight with a general who tells them in secret conclave to fight in his name and conquer, but who in the hour of battle deserts them and will not leave them even the prestige of his name?

And yet this Medill body guard fell bravely fighting for the fugitive chief, who would neither remain to lead them nor give them the word to retreat in good order.

They have been impaled by the arrows of unfair and unfriendly criticism. For the moment the wounds may be painful, but they are neither mortal nor dangerous.

It is said the veteran editor contemplates joining in the howling chorus at these men's heels, but this is hard to believe. Even should it prove true, however, and the stalwart band be compelled to turn and cry at the brute, the final tragedy will not be at hand, for they can outlive even such an attack should it come. The people see through the motives back of it all and will rally to these men's support. They will still be leaders. The people will remember that not alone the Madden-Kochersperger machine was back of the Medill boom, but that others from the outside joined in the fray in his behalf. George B. Swift, John M. Smyth and others of the old guard were with

the young leaders of the Republican party of Cook in the crusade for Medill. They have escaped criticism because they have not been in charge. There is no more blame in one case than in the other.

Why do not the carping critics, who howl because the impossible was not accomplished, turn the vials of their wrath upon the men who would not agree to the proposition which as an expression of principle is more dear to the heart of the average Chicagoan than even the election of Mr. Medill—namely, that a Cook County man shall be the Senator this time? In the Cook County delegation this proposition has been throttled and strangled. The delegation itself has been recalcitrant to this principle. If its members were true to it a Cook County man could have been elected; as things look now, this is well nigh impossible. Why do not the critics ask, Why is this so? The men they now criticize labored earnestly and well for this proposition. Who were interested in defeating it? The candidates, who, seeing they had no chance of success this time, would naturally labor to turn away the Senatorship from Cook County this year, being satisfied that it must come here two years hence, and that then they would be in a position to jump into the arena as gladiators, putting forth all their strength to win the prize, which they—each and all—believe they will have a chance of winning. This is said to be at the bottom of certain alleged candidacies at Springfield today, and yet the microscopic lens of the journalistic eye has been unable to discover the microbe.

"Cows in Connaught wear long horns," say our Celtic friends from Dublin, and these gentlemen who are now playing the long distance game may find themselves vastly deceived by the time two more years shall have rolled by. Meanwhile the mills of the gods, grinding slowly, will have ground wondrous fine. Those who are now between the upper and the nether millstones of private cleanliness and public criticism, may not be by that time the grist of the mill, those who come in for the final process will be surely pulverized.

## GALLANT "BILLY" MASON.

The Hon. William E. Mason made a most able and gallant fight against the Cullum forces in the great Senatorial contest. From the first it appeared his chances were brighter than any other candidate in the field, and at a dozen stages of the contest, had the Cook County men been loyal to their own motto, he could have been made the victor. For Mason, of all the Cook County candidates in the field, appeared to have had the necessary following from the country to win with the solid or even a considerable part of the delegation from Cook.

Mr. Mason conducted his campaign in his old-time manner. Jovial, witty, genial, manly and true, he won the grangers' hearts and those of the Cook County delegation who knew him longest and understood him best. Such men as Representative Timothy Horgan, Senator P. V. Fitzpatrick, Representative W. E. Kent, Senator James Cavanaugh, Representative Weston, Senator Dan Campbell and others were loyal to Mason from the start, and faithful to their constituents and the city of Chicago from the beginning, and yet strange to say, many of these men were bitterly antagonized by their own party press when running for office; the Republican press declaring they were neither good Republicans nor worthy any man's support.

Thus does time, which makes all things even, invariably vindicate honest men and their motives.

Mr. Mason lost, but in losing he has nothing to be ashamed of, and his gallant fight will not be forgotten in the future.

## THE POLICE COMMISSION.

Mayor Hopkins, fearless in all things, capable and correct in most, has insisted on the police commission carrying out its proposed examination of the members of the force.

The examinations have all been completed, but the results are yet in doubt.

It is the hope of all fair-minded citizens that gallant, faithful and courageous officers be not made to suffer for any little slip of the pen made by fingers for years used to dealing with ruder instruments than that which in the hands of men entirely great becomes mightier than the sword.

Mayor Hopkins, it is safe to say, will permit no injustice of this kind to be done. Ever kind-hearted and considerate, as well as honest and inflexible in the performance of a plain duty, he will not permit the specter of want and hunger to knock at the doors of the humble homesteads of brave men who have a record of duty well done, and whose only fault may be that the figures and lessons long years ago instilled into youthful heads since grown grizzled in the public service, may have slipped out in the rush and blood of riot, the chase of the thief, or the hunting down of the murderer. These things have a wonderful effect in dulling a man's memory of his school days, and what he learned then, though the clean record may demonstrate adhesion to the great principles that being followed closely make all men equal.

When the high school experts have gotten through figuring up the percentages, the Mayor and the Council will no doubt have a word to say in these matters.

## THE SLEEPING WARRIORS.

While the Republicans are organizing for a season of glory in Springfield, and incidentally conducting a great contest for supremacy in their own ranks, the Democrats are sitting in the tent of that "Big Injun," F. Stuyvie Peabody, smoking the pipe of profound imbecility.

The fumes of the fragrant calumet are apparently having a sad effect, for stupor is rapidly following the first symptoms of languor.

In Stuyvie's presence not to speak of his enforced leadership, paresis is a necessary result in the case of all who are not strong-minded.

There is no fear of the Evanstonian "leader" suffering from this dread disease, because there is nothing for it to

attack, and therefore nothing to suffer from its ravages.

With others it is different, however, and while The Eagle will not mention names, it regrets to note the different political men, bearing and methods of old-time vigorous and invincible chiefs.

There is an ancient legend about a band of armed men who sleep in a wave-washed cave awaiting through centuries the return of a former leader whose spirit will summon them in trumpet tones from their enchanted sleep to battle and to victory. The slumber of the Democratic party of Cook County has not been long, but it may be as fatal and as lasting as that of the fabled band of iron-clad warriors. If the trumpet note of some capable and fearless leader does not soon awake them for the decisive battle that is almost upon them. Let us hope we shall soon hear it.

## CLOSE OF A FARCE COMEDY.

It would now seem that the era of investigations of public bodies is about to pass away, after a brief but lurid existence. The worthy and capable Adolf Kraus has got through investigating that other worthy and capable citizen, State's Attorney Kern—nothing derogatory to the character of either being developed by the inquiry.

The County Board has also got through with Mr. Kern and that gentleman has in this case come out unscathed. Judge Tukey found nothing wrong in his investigation of Foreman Edwards, and the grand jury has acquitted Ald. Powers on the very evidence of the official of the cigarette trust who was instrumental in putting up the now famous job upon the city fathers.

There is now but the investigation of the police force by the residuary legate of Ald. Kern's Lexow committee left, and this, it is believed, will not set the world on fire.

Of course the Hon. "Dave" Shuman is down at Springfield laboring hard with innumerable bills for the purification of politics, among them being one for a metropolitan police force. Of course, in dealing with pure politics legislation the House will no doubt bear in mind the pithy and warning words of Speaker Meyer in his inaugural address: "Let us be careful that in attempting to rid ourselves of the evils we now suffer from we do not burden ourselves with worse ones."

As for the investigation farce-comedy The Eagle thinks that, now the curtain is about to be rung down, the leading dramatic personae should shake hands and make up.

## THE REAL ESTATE BOARD.

Dunlap Smith's election to the Presidency of the Chicago Real Estate Board affords an opportunity to congratulate that influential body of loyal citizens, both upon their choice of a wide-awake and talented young man to preside over its councils and upon the notable work it has accomplished during the last year for the public good of this community.

The spirited campaign by which Mr. Smith was selected on short notice gives promise of an active administration. It is well for Chicago, no less than for the board, that able hands have been found to take up the important work in which that body is engaged. President Fishburn's year in office has seen the inception of some very important reform movements affecting the whole city and in some cases the whole State. From the spirited campaign resulting in the decisive defeat of the County Court House bond grab at the last election, to the vigorous pushing of the Torrence land-registry reform in the Legislature, the whole field of the board's activities has been of wide import. And the citizens of Chicago and members of the board alike may rest assured that the grave measures now pending will not suffer under the administration of its new President.

Among the important measures to which Messrs. Smith, Moore, Cairnduff, Green and their fellow officers fall heir are the Torrence bill and the Special Assessment Reform bill now in preparation. Scarcely less important is the proposed change in the regular assessment system, which will be brought before the present session of the Legislature. The board can also have a marked influence on behalf of the city civil service reform movement, which indirectly bears most vitally upon all Chicago interests.

That these measures, and especially the reform in special assessments, will be pushed with all the generous vigor of the past is practically assured. The Real Estate Board, with its 215 members, 100 agents and 55 associates, even in the dull times, has presented an extraordinary amount of activity to the square man. Witness the one fact that the board now has on file no less than 8,917 reports of various kinds, of which 992 were added during the last year. The board has unobtrusively made itself one of the most potent influences for good in Chicago, and its friends are confidently looking forward to another year of activity that will leave its beneficent mark on the whole future of the city and State.

## HURRAH FOR THE CIVIC FEDERATION.

Secretary Ralph M. Easley and the other officers of the Civic Federation deserve all praise and credit for their work. When the legislative committee comes here from Springfield The Eagle will help it.

The people have been fooled long enough!

On the front page will be found a full account of the proceedings of the political section of the federation Tuesday night.

## MR. WILLIAM A. PINKERTON.

The Eagle is delighted to hear that its old friend, and America's greatest detective, William A. Pinkerton, has been restored to his old-time health and usefulness. It was feared at one time that overwork had impaired his vision, but his great constitution and strong physique, together with good medical advice, have made his eyes, like his muscles, stronger than ever.

## ADJUTANT GENERAL ORENDORFF.

The annual report of Adjutant General Orendorff, as submitted to the Leg-

islature, is a credit to that fine officer and to the State of Illinois. Our present Adjutant General is the ablest man who has ever filled the position, and the trying times he has seen since his induction into office have been met in a manner worthy of his military nature and American impulses.

## CURRENT COMMENT.

Mr. Patrick Morris has withdrawn as a candidate for alderman in the Nineteenth Ward. Ald. Gallagher will be the Democratic nominee. Mr. Lawler will run independent.

The study class of the Woman's Republican Club of the 32d Ward met Tuesday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Garrett Newkirk, No. 205 44th street. Two papers were read, one on the "Early History of Boston and Samuel Adams," by Mrs. W. T. Caldwell; the other "Colonial Settlements and Governments," by Mrs. Charles M. Pepper. The latter paper was a comparison between Northern and Southern Colonial Government.

After the papers were read a map was brought out by the Chairman, Mrs. Newkirk. It had transverse ribbons of color interwoven like the strands of a May-pole. Each strand of color represented the different political parties from colonial days to the present time. The interweaving was the result of many elections, the party in the ascendancy having its color always at the top. Yellow was Democratic and red Republican. The ladies enjoyed it when it was pointed out that the yellow had only crept to the top twice in a great many years.

Among the women present were: Dr. M. E. Avery MacCracken, President of the Thirty-second Ward Republican Club; Mrs. J. C. Greeley, Mrs. C. M. Pepper, Mrs. J. E. Debaugh, Mrs. W. T. Caldwell, Mrs. Alfred Taylor, Mrs. D. B. Howse, Mrs. C. B. Pfaff, Mrs. Irwin Simpson, Mrs. Laura K. Welch, Mrs. B. Rosenblat, Miss Blanche Shaw, Miss Mary Leavens, and Dr. Kate Finney.

The next meeting will be held at the residence of Mrs. Pfaff, 4521 Woodlawn avenue, Monday, Jan. 21. At that meeting Dr. MacCracken will read a paper on "Self Government, Taxation, and Inter-Colonial Duties." Miss Mary Leavens will prepare a paper on "The Loyalist Party." The purpose is to take up the political history of the country from the landing of the pilgrims to the present time, putting in only so much of general history as has a bearing on the first subject.

While Alderman Campbell may secure a renomination from the Twelfth Ward Republicans there is no end to the opposition that will be made manifest during the campaign. The people of the big West Side ward are not so deeply impressed with Campbell's course in the council as he feels to believe. It is common saying in the ward that "if you want nothing done apply to Alderman Campbell." The tremendous improvements and growth gained by the Twelfth during the last few years have set the people to thinking that their representative in the council should be a much heavier weight than the veteran alderman. The Civic Federation has a particularly strong branch in this ward, and it will be opposed to Campbell's return to the council.

Fourth Ward Republicans will support William E. Tagg for South Town Supervisor.

Alderman O'Neill, of the Thirty-fourth Ward, will ask his constituents to return him to the council.

Joe Bidwill, the Ninth Ward Alderman, will again be a candidate on the Republican ticket for re-election.

Alderman Ryan, of the Fifteenth Ward, declares that he will not again be a candidate for a seat in the council.

James McAndrews, the Commissioner of Buildings, will seek the Democratic nomination for West Town Assessor.

Frank Lawler says he has assurances from 5,000 Nineteenth Ward citizens that they will support him for alderman whether he is regularly nominated or not.

Hon. James H. Farrell can have the nomination for alderman in the Twenty-second Ward if he desires it. His friends claim if he could be induced to accept, his nomination would be equivalent to his election. The genial Captain would poll many votes outside of party lines by reason of his strict integrity and eminent ability. The Civic Federation will not make a nomination if Mr. Farrell is the candidate, but it is claimed they would oppose Mr. Colvin should he be in the field.

If the West Presbyterian Church of New York fondly imagines that it can tempt the Rev. Dr. Frank W. Gunsaulus away from Chicago it has a rude awakening in store for it. Dr. Gunsaulus' work lies here in Chicago, and no other person is more keenly aware of it than Dr. Gunsaulus himself.

Hon. J. C. Buckner, the only negro member of the Thirty-ninth General Assembly, wears honors with dignity and ease. He is a young man of much promise; has had a wide experience in legislative bodies, and will serve his race and State with credit and ability.

While the voters of the various sections of the State may have had their preferences for speaker of the House, the consensus of opinion is that the selection of Hon. John Meyer of Cook is both wise and judicious, and a grateful recognition of meritorious service. Those who are familiar with the memorable proceedings of the Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth General Assemblies, when the Republicans were in the minority, doubtless remember the able, courageous, manly and persistent fight made by Hon. John Meyer in defense of the party and in the interests of the people. He is well versed in parliamentary usages, affable and courteous, and will assuredly perform the duties of the position with credit and dignity.

The practical unanimity with which Hon. C. Bogardus was chosen presi-

dent pro tem, of the Senate is a high tribute of respect to a man of sterling worth, by the members of that honorable body. He is, by virtue of many years' service in House and Senate, eminently qualified to discharge the functions of the office. It is quite evident that he is in the line of rapid promotion, and will ere long occupy higher positions within the gift of the people.

Prof. S. M. Ingalls, who succeeds Superintendent Raab, will enter upon the duties of the office next Monday. The professor is widely known as a man of scholarly ability, coupled with many years of patient and practical educational work. He has the well-earned reputation of being one of the best educators in the State, and is held in high esteem by all professors, teachers, and scholars who have come in contact with him. We have known him for many years, and take pride in saying that the duties of the office will be well performed.

Democrats now talk of naming Mr. H. F. McNeill, the well-known real estate man, for Alderman of the Twelfth Ward. The Civic Federation and best citizens of the ward will support Mr. McNeill, if he will agree to be the standard bearer of the Democratic party. If elected he would make a live member of the Council in the interest of the whole people of the ward.

Martin W. Homan, South Town Collector, broke all records by paying to the County Treasurer \$200,000 of the taxes already collected in the South Town. As a rule none of this money is paid until much later in the winter, and oftentimes not until spring.

A meeting of the colored Republicans of the Second Ward was held at No. 2103 State street. Ex-Representative J. E. Bish was chairman of the meeting. The plan of campaign for the spring election was discussed, and some comment was made in regard to the manner in which county officers had treated the colored men of the ward. The sentiment of the meeting was shown by the endorsement of Martin Best for a renomination as Alderman, and Hon. Frank C. Vierling for South Town Assessor. The meeting was largely attended. Mr. Vierling now seems to have a clear field for Assessor, as it was stated yesterday Mr. Best had withdrawn from the race and would support Vierling. Mr. Vierling would undoubtedly prove an excellent guardian of the people's best interests.

Henry Bausher, Jr., of No. 384 La Salle avenue, is spoken of by citizens of the Twenty-fourth Ward as a candidate for Alderman at the next election.

At a meeting of the Republicans of the new Forty-seventh precinct of the Twelfth Ward, held Thursday evening at Occidental Hall, Madison street and Sacramento avenue, the organization of the Precinct Club was perfected, and the following officers elected for the ensuing year: President, Frank L. Shepherd; Vice President, D. B. Gardner; Secretary, A. D. Latchford; Treasurer, Clark D. Bishop.

William Purvis, of the Twelfth Ward, has been prominently mentioned for West Town collector on the Republican ticket. Mr. Purvis has a host of friends in both parties that would practically insure his success.

For the city treasurer's nomination Adam Wolf, of the Thirteenth Ward, is being pushed forward by the Republicans, while on the Democratic side William Legner, of the West Side Brewing Company, is being considered. Party leaders say that as both are well known German-Americans the race, if made, would be an interesting one.

Of the outgoing aldermen William D. Kent of the Eleventh, Stanley Kunz of the Sixteenth, John Brennan of the Eighteenth, John McGillen of the Twenty-first and William R. Kerr of the Thirty-second have already gone on record as declaring that they would not look for a renomination. It was said to-day that before the campaign advanced very much farther numerous other aldermen would decide not to run, some of them through force of circumstances brought about by the civic federation and other reform bodies.

There is, it is said, a movement on foot among North Town Germans to give Joseph Ernst of the Twenty-first Ward the Democratic North Town assessorship nomination.

An unusual effort will be made by the friends of John Boland, the brick manufacturer of the Ninth Ward, to induce him to make the race for aldermanic honors next spring.

## AT SPRINGFIELD.

Bureau Chicago Eagle, Springfield, Jan. 17, 1895.—After a week's hard work, the Legislature has settled down to business, and a list of important legislation will from this on be ground out daily.

The atmosphere in the Senatorial contest was cleared considerably by the action of the Cook County caucus Tuesday, and the fight narrowed down to Willits and Cullom. Poor "Billy" Mason, after ten months' hard work, was defeated by the narrow margin of two votes. It was hard on Mason, and he had the sympathy of hundreds here, but he lost to a gallant fighter, a creditable son of Cook County, and an upright and popular gentleman, George S. Willits. Mr. Mason took his defeat philosophically, and as he withdrew from the contest he had no bitter words for anyone.

Representative Tom Needles has thrown a bomb into the Republican camp by his joint resolution for a convention to revise the constitution of the State. The Tribune of Sunday opened up on the movement with over a column editorial condemning it. The corporations don't want it. Such a revision is essential to the interests of Chicago because that city is suffering from the many forms of local govern-

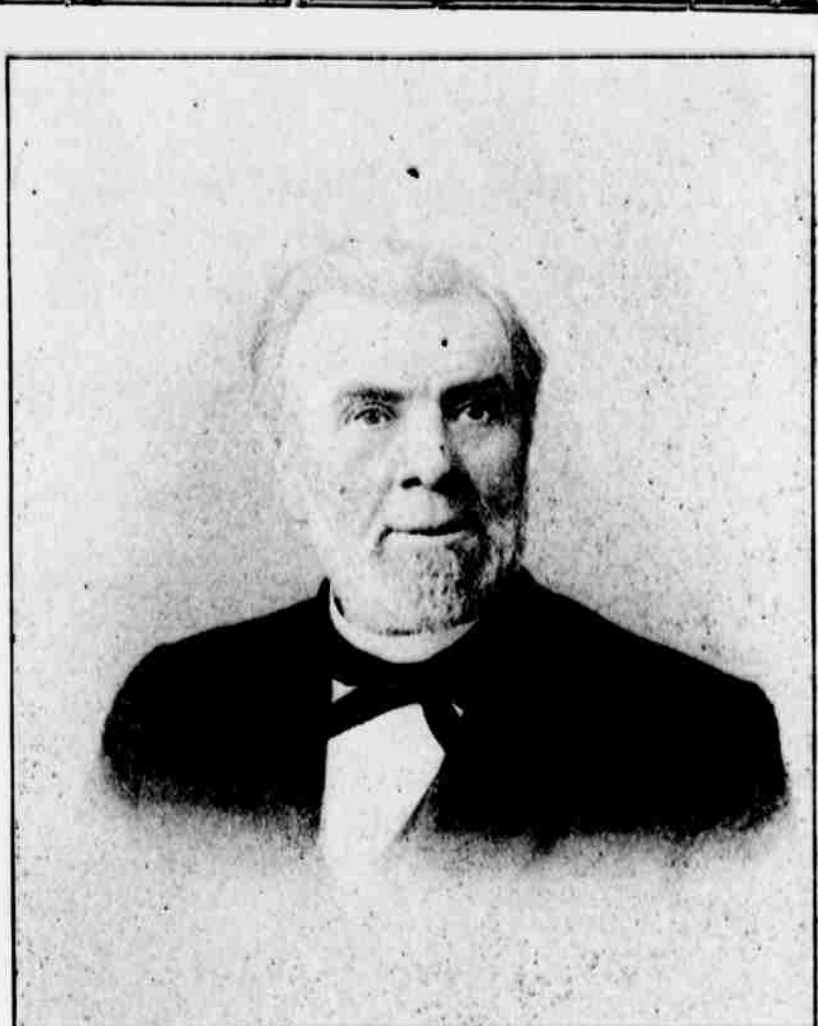
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The public of Chicago, as it takes up its daily paper and peruses the details and facts concerning the important doings at Springfield, knows but little of the hard and persistent work, the ability to find the grain of fact in the bushel of chaff and the gift of judging and weighing well men's actions and motives, which it takes to supply that same information. With all these qualities the successful correspondent of the daily newspapers at such times and places as this must be equipped. It is safe to say the daily papers of Chicago were never better represented at Springfield than at present.

First in rank of priority is the veteran journalist, John A. Corwin, of the Tribune. He has been the State political reporter of that paper for years and is without a peer in the country in that line of work. He is ably assisted by Mr. John McGraw Glenn, a modest, unassuming gentleman, who is capable of doing the very highest order of work in both local and State politics.

Col. Sam M. Burdette is the representative of the Herald. As a newspaperman he is excellent, and as a pithy and trenchant writer has few equals.

The same may be said of Thomas H. Cannon, of the Times, whose dispatches have elicited much commendation everywhere. Joe Holman, of the Record, is an old-timer, too. Anything that Mr. Holman does not know about affairs in Springfield is not worth knowing.

Ex-Senator Tom MacMillan, of the Interior Ocean, is not behind any of these gentlemen. He has the ability of forecasting coming events with great accuracy and is a fluent and pleasing writer.

James Conwell, a well-known political reporter, represents the Chicago Evening Journal. Mr. Conwell was private secretary to Mayor Washburne, and from his experience then as well as his years on the Chicago press probably knows as many Republican politicians from Cook County as any newspaper man here. He is one of the most popular of all the newspaper men, and has little difficulty in getting all the news in a short time. The pages of the Evening Journal during the past week bear testimony to his ability.

Hiram D. Fargo, of the Evening Post, is a bright, genial, gentlemanly young fellow. He has hosts of friends here, and is an exceptionally able newspaper man. He has done splendid work for his paper, and his readers can rest

assured that with Fargo in Springfield they will get all the news in acceptable form.

No better selection has been made by the present House of Representatives than John A. Reeve, the Clerk of the House. He is capable, obliging and courteous.

John A. Reeve, of Decatur, chosen to be Clerk of the House, was born in Orange County, New York, in 1844. He was raised on a farm and served through the war in the Harris Light Cavalry. At the close of the war he came to Illinois, and in 1876 was elected Circuit Clerk of Alexander County. Mr. Reeve has served as Clerk of every Republican House of Representatives since 1880, and was Reading Clerk of the House of Representatives of Congress in 1892.

John Meyer has made a splendid presiding officer, and as Speaker of the House he will reflect credit and honor upon Chicago and demonstrate the wisdom of the men who put him forward for the position.

John Meyer, Speaker of the House, was born in the kingdom of Holland Feb. 27, 1832. As a boy he attended school in his native land and at the age of 12 came with his parents to America. They made Chicago their home and he received his education in the public schools of this city. He attended the Northwestern University for three years and then entered the Union College of Law in Chicago. In 1870 he took his examination and was admitted to the bar. He has been engaged in the active practice of law ever since, and for the last ten years has been a member of the firm of Meyer & Coleman.

Mr. Meyer was elected to the Legislature in 1884 and was re-elected successively for the Thirty-sixth, Thirty-seventh, Thirty-eighth, and Thirty-ninth General Assemblies. He has always taken an active interest in the affairs of the House. In his first term he was chosen Chairman of the Committee on Corporations. He has been prominent in committees and in the House in subsequent sessions. Mr. Meyer was instrumental in securing the passage of the drainage law for the Chicago Sanitary District during the Thirty-sixth General Assembly. He also introduced a bill closely affecting the interest of the Chicago people, requiring that the majority of the frontage of adjacent property-owners be a prerequisite to the franchise of any railroad. He attended the special session of the Legislature and took part in the World's Fair Legislature in 1892, voting to cede Jackson Park for Fair purposes, and to enable Chicago to give \$5,000,000 towards it by constitutional amendment of the 5 per cent. limit.

Mr. Meyer was married in 1881 and has one child. Regarding prospective legislation Mr. Meyer believes that much is needed. He is a strong advocate of the Australian ballot and will vote for any amendment of the election laws tending in that direction. He also believes strongly in civil service and will be found on the side of any legislation tending to give Chicago the benefits of such a system. Mr. Meyer is also strongly impressed by the industrial troubles and favors legislation which will help to solve the difficulties of arbitration.

Charles Bogardus is in the Senate what John Meyer is in the House, for it is understood that Lieut.-Gov. Gill, after the Senatorial contest is over, will allow Mr.